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News from Stormy the Sidewinder



May 2020

May
Character Trait:
Caring

Dear Sidewinders families,

We hope you and your family are safe and healthy. For Gilbert Public Schools

Updates, please visit <https://www.gilbertschools.net/Domain/31>

Prekindergarten, kindergarten registration, new student registration, and open enrollment registration for the 2020-2021 school year will continue during the school closure. Please visit <https://www.gilbertschools.net/enroll> to enroll.

Thank you.

Updates:

1. May 15 - Last Day of SSE Online Enrichment Class
2. May 18 - Chromebook Loaners Returned– (if you borrowed a Chromebook from the school, please plan on returning it May 18 from 8:00-12:00 in the front office). Thank you.
3. Yearbooks – more information coming soon
4. Please visit www.gilbertschools.net/remoteteaching for parent and family support and updates with regard to remote learning. Also, please expect continued updates via email, our website www.gilbertschools.net/alerts, and on social media.

Parents and guardians, please review the below student expectations below with your child.

Gilbert Public Schools Student Expectations During Remote Learning

- Students will use their first name and last name when joining WebEx sessions.
- Students will make sure they sit in a well lit area, without any inappropriate items behind me.
- Students will keep themselves muted until the teacher asks them to unmute.
- Students will only share their screen with teacher permission.
- Students will use any chat features appropriately to only ask questions and make appropriate comments about what is being discussed.
- Students will not record any video conferencing sessions.

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- Students will follow the Gilbert Public Schools dress code.
- Students will continue to abide by Gilbert Public Schools policies and the Student Handbook.

Please note: Teachers will remove a student from a conference session if the above expectations are violated, inform administration, and call the parents/guardians to report any disrespectful or inappropriate behavior.

Online Learning Resources

Your student's teachers have posted links they will be utilizing in their Google classrooms but if you are looking for additional online activities the link below takes you to a living document that is full of resources for all content areas! Please take a look and hopefully it will be of help to you.

<http://www.amazingeducationalresources.com/?fbclid=IwAR1sHhWiwimEGRTaY5uyA2eOPVseMI1sgB7vY2v1nrqaAmZnUnqrCoFeXCo>

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Coach's Toolbox

Updates...

SHIP has launched at SSE! Every Wednesday join "School & Home In Partnership" for learning topic discussions on WebEx. Check your email for weekly teacher communication!

Behind Every Young Child Who Believes In Himself Is A Parent Who Believed First.

Just a note to say

SSE misses you and thanks you for all that you are doing in partnership with teachers to continue student motivation and success! Remote learning at home presents challenges and...benefits for learning! **Some tips:**

1. Help your student explore **Passion Projects**: What really excites your student? Let them go deeper with their learning no matter if it is about Super Heros or wind energy! Use a group format for interaction - you and your student, or use Zoom for your student and friends.
2. Model **Productive Struggle**! Mistakes = Learning Opportunities. Embrace the struggle! Share with your student about your struggles with your tasks, projects, learning...and listen to what they share. Focus on the "why" and the "how" of learning and less about the "what".
3. **Keep it enjoyable**! Talk about the Ah-Ha moments, the hard parts, the celebrations, and learn together!

♥ Warmly, Mrs. Norwood

Check out "Two What's and a Wow!" It's a daily, interactive, science-based game show for families to enjoy and learn!

https://tinkercast.com/shows/twowhatsandawow/?m_page=1&m_search=



"Hey, Alexa!" If you have a home Alexa, you might want to check out Alexa educational skills and games!



<https://www.weareteachers.com/educational-alexa-skills/>



SSE Families...who wants to go to Disneyland? If you said "YES" then visit Disney's YouTube channel for front row seats on many famous rides like Thunder Mountain!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b2V7CAo6004&list=RDCMUC1xwwLwm6WSMbUnTp597hQ&start_radio=1#t=20

Ideas to extend and enrich...

1. Read about Monument Valley - informational and fiction!
<https://www.visitutah.com/articles/story-of-monument-valley/>
<https://www.terraviva.com/badge-of-honor.html>
2. Explore related topics like clouds or geography!
<https://scienceexplorers.com/teaching-children-about-how-clouds-form/>
3. Watch some movies that include Monument Valley!
<https://www.arizonahighways.com/blog/50-years-ago-two-iconic-films-featured-monument-valley>

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School Meals



Pick Up and Go Meals — Drive Thru
Child must be present (Ages 18 years and younger)
Come once per day to receive a breakfast
& a lunch between 8 AM and 10:30 AM
***New times effective Monday, April 20th ***
Free Meals Served at the sites listed below:

***NEW* Desert Ridge Junior**

(moves from Augusta Ranch 4/20)
10211 E. Madero Ave
Mesa, AZ 85209
Monday thru Friday

Greenfield Junior High

101 S. Greenfield Rd
Gilbert, AZ 85296
Monday thru Friday

South Valley Junior

2034 South Lindsay Road
Gilbert, AZ 85295
Monday thru Friday

Meridian Elementary

3900 South Mountain Rd
Mesa, AZ 85212
Monday thru Friday

Harris Elementary

1820 S. Harris Drive
Mesa, AZ 85204
Monday thru Friday

Highland Junior High

6915 E. Guadalupe Rd
Mesa, AZ 85233
Monday thru Friday

Gilbert Classical Academy

1016 N. Burk
Gilbert, AZ 85234
Monday thru Friday

Mesquite Junior High

130 West Mesquite
Gilbert, AZ 85233
Monday thru Friday



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Social Worker News

Hi SSE Families. I hope everyone is doing as well as they can be during this time. I want you to know that I am here for you if you need a check in or extra support (which might look different at this time). We all care about our SSE families here so please know that we care about you and miss your student's. I would like to provide you all with some resources - there are more resources on my google site

<https://sites.google.com/gilbertschools.net/sse-social-worker/home>

From GPS Enrichment Resources for Families -

<https://www.gilbertschools.net/enrichmentresources>

From Aurora Behavioral Health AZ - <https://www.auroraarizona.com/node/2470>

From Calm App (one of my favorites) - https://www.calm.com/blog/take-a-deep-breath?utm_source=lifecycle&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=difficult_times_n_onsubs_031720

Common Sense Media - SEL

<https://www.common sense.org/education/toolkit/social-emotional-learning>

Should you need anything please email me at shawnda.harmsen@gilbertschools.net

Thank you.

Shawnda Harmsen

PTSO

All activities, updates, and news can be accessed through the PTSO Facebook page at

<https://www.facebook.com/sseptso/>

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Nurses Notes



Summer is a great time for family, fun, and physical activity. Beat the heat with these five summer tips.

- 1) **Sunscreen**-Use sunscreen with SPF 30 and reapply every 2 hours or after being in the water or sweating. Don't forget those ears!
- 2) **Dehydration**- Drink plenty of water throughout the day and avoid sugary caffeinated drinks. Replace electrolytes with drinks such as Gatorade. Don't wait until your thirsty to drink.
- 3) **Clothing**- Dress in light colored, loose airy clothing that will let your skin breath. Cover those heads to reduce heat exposure.
- 4) **Seek shade** and cool your body. Use a tree, umbrella or tent to protect you from the sun. Place ice packs on the back of your neck to cool yourself.
- 5) **Be aware** of heat stroke. This begins with leg cramps and escalates very quickly. If you begin feeling cramps, dizziness or exhaustion, get to a cool area and rehydrate.

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Superstition Springs Art Show Participants 2020

6th Grade

Castle-Annalee Woodruff & Jace Olson
Cisterna-Hailey Summerhays
Camacho-Aria Mortensen
Parker-Wyatt Kolb

5th Grade

Nasuta-Danielle Rodrigues & Chloe
Royster
Han-Phoebe Ferguson
Shaver-Caelyn Colburn
Allen-Tori Reed Seropian

4th Grade

Maldonado-Mackenzie Artt
Webb-Mikaela Flynn
Levario-Kanyon Ridgway & Issac
Broekling
Slaninka-Phoebe Woodruff

3rd Grade

Boubelik-Sophie Valenzuela & Marlei
Reischl
Luke-Grace McKellar
Lauk-Shilon Campbell
Lopat-Sayla Salima

2nd Grade

Jocom-Gianna Hylton & Madison
Quintero
Heaton-Ruth Woodruff
George-Leiloni Partida
Alder-Selene Alvarez

1st Grade

Nephew-Ava Robinson
Real-Madison Gardner & Brody
Bryson
Walter-Destin Williams
Formichella-Jaxson Johnson

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Kindergarten Prep



2020-2021

AM Session – \$320 per month
8:30 - 11:30 Monday-Friday

PM Session – \$280 per month
12:15 - 3:15 Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri

Full Day - \$720 per month
8:00 – 3:00 Monday-Friday
(Wednesday 1 hour early release)

\$50 registration fee-**waived until 2/29/2020**

Discounted rates for GPS Employees

Requirements:

- Age 4-5 (4 by August 31, 2020)
- Toilet Trained

480.497.3461

Open Registration Begins
February 10, 2020

Register in
February
to save
\$50

- 20 Students per class
- HQT Certified Teachers
- Trained Assistant

Register online at:
www.gilbertschools.net/kprep

Kindergarten Prep transforms learning into a walk of discovery, offering safe and exciting opportunities for experimentation, challenge, and fun at every turn! This program is designed to give your child a jumpstart on becoming a prepared and eager student ready for the rigors of Kindergarten and being a valued member of Gilbert Public Schools! Kindergarten Prep curriculum focuses on literacy and academic content in an intentionally developed preschool environment. Foundations, which provides a strong foundation for reading and writing, is introduced and focused on daily.

Traditional Kindergarten Prep is designed to give students that will be attending a Traditional Kindergarten a jumpstart on their educational pathway. Traditional Kindergarten Prep children will participate in primary language arts (Spalding), math (Saxon Math K), science, music, art, and physical education through hands-on discovery and other age-appropriate activities.

Both programs are aligned with the Arizona Department of Education Early Learning Standards, and are supplemented with:

Handwriting Without Tears
STEM Activities
Unplugged Coding

2020-2021 Locations:

Traditional Programs	Conventional Programs
• Canyon Rim - Full Day	• Ashland Ranch AM/PM
• Spectrum AM Only	• Houston AM/PM
	• Highland Park AM/PM
	• Meridian AM/PM
	• Spectrum PM Only
	• Superstition Springs AM/PM
	• Val Vista Lakes AM/PM

Program locations, times, & fees are subject to change.

Concerned about your child's development? Screening available:
Gilbert Public School's provides early intervention/special education services to 3 to 5 year old children with qualifying developmental delays in the following areas: motor, social, speech/language, cognitive or adaptive behavior development. Eligibility is determined through formal assessment procedures. If you live within the Gilbert Public School district boundaries, and have concerns regarding your child's development, please contact the Preschool Office for information on scheduling your child's screening appointment (480-497-3461) You may also find the information on the district website www.gilbertschools.net/amanecer



Building Blocks



Building Blocks Preschool Program

"Building a foundation for academic success"

Feb 10th - May 31st	June 1st - July 31st	August 1st and After
\$25 Registration Fee	\$35 Registration Fee	\$50 Registration Fee

ONE PAYMENT A MONTH

School Day Hours 8:00 A.M. - 3:15 P.M.	Extended Day Hours 6:30 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.
M-F \$680.00/month	M-F \$800.00/month
M,W,F \$488.00/month	M,W,F \$560.00/month
Tue, Thurs \$392.00/month	Tue, Thurs \$440.00/month

- Ashland Ranch (4)
- Burk (4)
- Canyon Rim (3&4)
- Carol Rae Ranch (3&4)
- Finley Farms (3&4)
- Gilbert El (Dual Language) (3&4)
- Highland Park (4)
- Islands (4)
- Meridian (3&4)
- Mesquite (3&4)
- Playa del Rey (3&4)
- Quartz Hill (4)
- Sonoma (3&4)
- Spectrum (3&4)
- Superstition Springs (3&4)

www.gilbertschools.net/buildingblocks

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL
(480)-892-9089
OR EMAIL US AT
ERIC.DACHTYL@GILBERTSCHOOLS.NET





Amanecer Preschool



Amanecer
Developmental Preschool

GILBERT
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2020-2021 Tuition Program

Begins August 5, 2020

480.497.3461

Open Registration Begins February 10, 2020

Ages *3-5 (*3 by August 31, 2020)

Children may not attend until their 3rd birthday.

- Small Class Size
- Trained Assistant
- HQT Certified Teachers

Title 1

Locations:*

*supplement for
boundary residents

- Boulder Creek
- Burk
- Gilbert
- Harris
- Houston
- Oak Tree

[^]call for Title 1 campus codes

Locations:

(Open Boundaries)

- Ashland Ranch
- Augusta Ranch
- Canyon Rim
- Carol Rae
- Greenfield
- Highland Park
- Islands
- Meridian
- Mesquite
- Patterson
- Pioneer
- Playa del Rey
- Quartz Hill
- Settler's Point
- Sonoma Ranch
- Spectrum
- Towne Meadows
- Superstition Springs
- Val Vista Lakes

Requirements:

- Toilet Trained
- Fluent English
(typically developing role-model)

Class Times:

AM 8:00-10:30
PM 11:15-1:45

GPS Amanecer Developmental Preschool is a play-based program, aligned with the Arizona Department of Education Early Learning Standards, with a focus on critical thinking skills and social/emotional development. Thematic units are explored by students using a variety of learning styles and modalities, which in turn, ignites curiosity and encourages sustained attention! Program is supplemented using Creative Curriculum intentional learning materials, We Thinkers! social emotional curriculum, and Learning Without Tears. Typically developing peers and those with developmental delays work together and grow in one inclusive environment.

Register
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Register online at:

www.gilbertschools.net/amanecer

\$50 Registration Fee

Registration fee waived through 2/29/2020

3-day (M, T, TH) is \$220.00 per month

4-day (M, T, TH, F) is \$260.00 per month

All days are 2 ½ hour class times

~Discounted rates for GPS Employees

~Program locations, days, & times are subject to change.

SPECIAL EDUCATION PLACEMENTS WEEKLY SCREENINGS

Gilbert Public School's Amanecer Developmental Preschool provides early intervention/special education services to 3 to 5 year old children with qualifying developmental delays in the following areas: motor, social, speech/language, cognitive or adaptive behavior development. Eligibility is determined through formal assessment procedures. If you live within the Gilbert Public School district boundaries, and have concerns regarding your child's development, please contact the Preschool Office for information on scheduling your child's screening appointment (480-497-3461) You May also find the information on the district website

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Media Hub

Please check out the media centers new webpage!

<https://sites.google.com/gilbertschools.net/ssemediacenter/home>

THE LIBRARY LINK

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SUPERSTITION SPRINGS ELEMENTARY

From the Desk of....

Ms. Harris, Librarian

Ms. Harris misses you all very much! Can't wait until we are all back at SSE again! Ms. Harris has been busy ordering and processing new books for our library. There will be lots of new books to choose from in the Fall.

A special thank you to everyone who got their library books turned in! It was so much fun seeing some of you! We are still missing 60 library books. We will be calling you to make arrangements to get those books returned. If the book is lost or damaged, it is \$10 to replace it. Checks may be made payable to SSE. Thank-you!

Please check out the new SSE Library Webpage. Lots of information and resources to keep your students reading this summer. Visit us on the web at: <https://sites.google.com/gilbertschools.net/ssemediacenter/home>

Also, don't forget to checkout MYON. Over 6000 digital books to read—we have it free until the end of June!

Digital Books to use with AR (myon): <https://www.myon.com/school/gilbertreads>
Student Username: myon
Student Password: read
Link for video with more info on how to use: <https://p.widencdn.net/gjindp/Intro-to-myON-Books-and-News>

If you should have any questions about the library, please feel free to email me: Kristin.harris@gilbertschools.net

Thanks again for all of the help and support you have given us in the library, this year. We really appreciate it!

Kristin Harris, Librarian
Media Specialist



May, 2020

Did you know?

Please help your child find their missing library books and return them to the library. If the book has been LOST, the replacement cost can be found on the papers that are being sent home from the library.

We ask that you please pay for lost books - as our books are double-stitched, processed with barcodes, AR stickers, etc., and are of higher quality than what is found in a regular store.

Checks may be made payable to SSE (Superstition Springs Elementary).

If you need to set up a payment plan, please feel free to call us so we can work something out. Also, please remember that if the book is found and returned to us in good condition, we will be happy to refund your money. Thanks!

How to pay for lost or damaged books...

If your child has a lost or damaged library book, please send checks made out to SSE. You may also send the exact amount in cash. Please remember that we do not have change in the library.



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Battle of the Books Book List 2020-2021

- ♦ [Lightning Thief](#) by Riordan
- ♦ [Maniac Magee](#) by Spinelli
- ♦ [Number the Stars](#) by Lowry
- ♦ [Frindle](#) by Clements
- ♦ [Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key](#) by Gantos
- ♦ [Among the Hidden](#) by Haddix
- ♦ [Watsons go to Birmingham-1963](#) by Curtis
- ♦ [The Crossover](#) by Alexander
- ♦ [Jeremy Thatcher, Dragon Hatcher](#) by Coville
- ♦ [Wonder](#) by Palacio
- ♦ [Sarah, Plain and Tall](#) by MacLachlan
- ♦ [Everything on a Waffle](#) by Horvath

Our assigned order for reading them will be given in August, 2020.

ARBOOKFIND.COM

AR BookFinder (<http://www.arbookfind.com>) is an online tool where anyone can search for book titles based on authors, topics or titles of books. You can search results, add books to your bookbag and print results.

AR BookFinder is a site hosted and administered by Renaissance Learning. With the move to online Renaissance,

SSE students have access to every quiz created by Renaissance Learning (over 100,000 currently). This site does not tell us what is housed in school libraries. Students are not restricted merely by the books owned by their respective school libraries. Books can come from anywhere such as the public library or a home library. Please visit

your elementary school library if you wish to peruse their computerized card catalog, Alexandria Researcher.

When looking up the books, check the BL (book level) to determine what color or level the book is. There is an AR chart on the front of this library newsletter.

Superstition Springs AR Colors	1.6-2.0 Green	4.1-4.5 Orange
Range Color	2.1-2.5 Blue	4.6-5.0 Light Blue
0.3-1.5 Yellow	2.6-3.0 Red	5.1-6.0 Light Green
	3.1-3.5 Pink	6.1-6.9 Purple
	3.6-4.0 White	7.0+ Black

Battle of the Books 2020-2021

If you will be a 5th or 6th grade student next year and you LOVE to read, then you might want to join Battle of the Books. Battle of the Books is a voluntary reading program for 5th and 6th grade students.

Students will simply read the books listed (to the left) and compete with their team at three battles throughout the school year. The teams score points for answering the questions correctly. The team with the most points at the end of all three battles will represent SSE at the district battle in April 2021. Teams are comprised of three team members.

So, start reading your books this summer and be thinking of who you'd like to be on your team! Applications will be available in August 2020, in the library. We hope to see you there!!

Elementary Summer School

Will be remote. New information coming soon.

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